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PRESS RELEASE

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SKID ROW RESIDENTS TO HAVE TWO SERIOUS POLITICAL MEETINGS IN SAME NIGHT: TOPICS INCLUDE THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

Skid Row, Downtown Los Angeles- With numerous political attempts by both the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles to address widespread homelessness across the Southern California region, the Skid Row residents have decided to take a pro-active approach and create their own solutions on both a City and County political level- both at the same time.

WHO: The Skid Row Residents and Community Stakeholders (But everyone's invited!)

WHAT: An official JOINT MEETING has been coordinated by the Skid Row Neighborhood Council- Formation Committee and the LA County Health Agency Integration Advisory Board Subcommittee on Homelessness

WHY: To create new political options that better address homelessness in Skid Row.

WHEN: December 22, 2015 at 6pm (6pm- 9:45pm)

WHERE: James Wood Community Center (Both meetings will be held in same location at same time)  
400 east 5th street  
Los Angeles, California 90013  
(southeast corner of 5th and San Julian in Skid Row)

ADDITIONAL INFO: Attached are both of the JOINT MEETING agendas for the SRNC-FC and the IAB Subcommittee on Homelessness.



With a 12% increase in homelessness across LA County reported earlier this year, combined with Skid Row being commonly-known for decades as "the homeless capitol of America", Skid Row residents are FED UP and are taking things into their own hands by holding a political meeting to discuss the creation of the Skid Row Neighborhood Council. Instead of waiting for others to "end homelessness" (where there has been little more than on-going discussions followed by slow-developing actions), the Skid Row residents and community stakeholders are taking things into their own hands.

Attachment 1: Meeting agenda for the Skid Row Neighborhood Council-Formation Committee

Attachment 2: Meeting agenda for the LA County Health Agency Integration Advisory Board Subcommittee on Homelessness

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Skid Row community activist-  
ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS  
(2007-present)

County-Appointed Official  
Consumer Representative on the  
inaugural LA County Integration Advisory Board-  
Selected by Mental Health Commission  
(2015-present)  
Chair- LA County IAB Subcommittee on Homelessness  
(2015-present)

Co-Chair- Skid Row Community Advisory Board for the  
Department of Mental Health  
(2012-present)

Chair- "Skid Row Public Space Task Force"  
(2012-present)



Chair- "Skid Row Neighborhood Council- Formation Committee"  
(2014-present)

Former City-Elected Official (3 Two-Year Terms)  
Resident Director- Central City East/Skid Row  
Board of Directors  
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council  
(2008-2014)  
Former VP, Outreach and Communications- DLANC  
(2012-2013)

Former State-Appointed Official  
California State Department of Public Health- Office of Health Equity-  
inaugural Advisory Committee Member  
(2013-2015)

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